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AMENDMENT

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Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2005, please consider the following.

No extensions of time are believed to be due for consideration of this amendment. Please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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